

LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH PTSA 2020-21

APRIL 20, 2021 ZOOM MEETING

(Minutes taken by Danyelle Walker)

Jennifer Ronnel called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Jenny Bradford made a motion to approve the Feb. 2021 minutes and the minutes were approved.

Budget Review/Treasurer's Report – Megan Eves

- Not that much activity since the last meeting
- Funded the spring teacher grant request. Sarah Cook continues making sure the teachers have nice snacks and meal. in March We provided Dairy Queen and Haygood Barbeque
- Jennifer Ronnel, Jenny Bradford and Megan Eves attended the Arkansas State PTA convention via zoom on April 17, 2021. LRCH had the strongest showing of any school in the state.
- Anyone wrapping up 2020 taxes who still needs a thank you letter with our 501(c)3 information for any donation of \$50 or more please contact Megan Eves.
- Quick summary of current finances:
 - we have met our donation goals for the school year
 - received \$10,000 in donations from Pass the Hat which was shy of our goal but was remarkable without having an in person event
 - expenses are well below budget \$13,254.89 spent compared to a budget of \$26,200
 - fourth quarter 2020 donation from Kroger was \$1165
 - First quarter donations from both Kroger an Amazon are expected soon and we expect to be well over our expected income for both accounts for the school year
 - Budget was presented and approved for the next school year 2021-2022
 - very few changes were made
- Jennifer Ronnel secured a community grant from Arvest
- Please spread the word about the use of Amazon
- Our PTSA only retains \$1.75 per member from annual PTA dues. Our officers wanted to make sure that there was no barrier to full participation in PTA for all that are interested this year so we focused on promoting our eblast signup and zoom meetings with families along with the Pass the Hat drive with parents and a traditional membership drive with staff.
- Campus landscaping is in great shape because we are able to get plants at wholesale cost. Principal Rousseau expressed extreme appreciation for Kelly Holbert and her mom for their tireless work in the beautification of the school campus!

- Jennifer requested assistance for help in applying for Love your Block grants in partnership with the Central High Neighborhood Association.
- Big picture message is that expenses are down and net loss is less
- snapshot of current assets of \$47,264.42

Jenny Bradford made a motion to approve the proposed 2021-2022 budget and Kim O’Guinn seconded. The budget was approved.

City of Little Rock Education Update – by Jay Barth, City of Little Rock Chief Education Officer:

- Discussed bringing down the wall between the city and LRSD the power of partnership by:
 - Early childhood literacy
 - COVID Response
 - a meals program
 - digital equity through broadband access in literacy
 - College and career readiness programs
- Gave a Community School update:
 - Quick overview of the school model
 - First four Community Schools are Chico, Watson, Washington and Stephens Elementary
 - Needs assessment analysis
 - Programs in process
 - School Pantries
 - Community School cafes
 - Telehealth Options
 - School gardens with full service farm Corps
 - Green schoolyards initiative
- Discussed grants in process
- Discussed summer youth employment
 - historically 600 to 700 young people gain access to summer employment through the program that was cancelled in 2020
 - portal briefly opened in February 2021
 - present focus is on partnering with private employers to cover 300 students for internships; not yet finalized
 - summer youth employment program should return in 2022
- Discussed Mayor’s Youth Council Revitalization
 - 52 total MYC students; 24 attend Central High
 - Homeless Passion Project:
 - Serve, Survey, Solve framework – learning by doing
 - Goal is that MYC makes policy recommendations to Mayor’s staff
 - Civic engagement
 - virtual meetings with Little Rock’s sister city in Newcastle

- upcoming: voter registration efforts in high school
- upcoming: advocacy for Civics Secure Democracy Act
- Next meeting May the 3rd at 4:00 PM

Principal's Report: Nancy Rousseau

- Thanked everyone for her birthday wishes
- Thanked Sarah for her work on the teacher appreciation with Haygood Barbecue – one of the best she has ever had!
- Eat My Catfish is scheduled for May 25th for all teachers. We will be honoring 16 teachers that have either retired last year or this year
- May 27th is the teacher's last day and May 26th is graduation
- Testing has been a challenge; Internet went down; Most states opted out of testing but ours is still ongoing
- Central did have the ACT this past Saturday
- Central is the only high school in the state that has Saturday school
- Loss of learning plan this Saturday - kids that have been virtual enjoyed having a teacher in front of them – Central is the first high school to do this
- Seniors are currently participating in Credit recovery
- Tiger Social Saturday this Saturday - stress relief relaxation, meditation, hot dogs, nachos – just a good time for the kids. And she is so proud of the dedicated teachers and students who come to campus from 9 to 2 on a Saturday. (Teachers are being paid)
- Graduation updates:
 - 4 tickets for each family but the ceremony will be streamed
 - no practice
 - will make arrangements for those with wheelchairs
 - speeches will be videotaped
 - May 21st and May 24th Seniors can pick up tickets at the circle drive. They will be picking up tickets, diplomas, honor cords and they will bring back books and Chromebooks
- Principal Rousseau is so proud of the students and the PTA and that's why we continue to win awards! She is thinking about starting a brag board to showcase all of the bowls won by the Students.
- Central had a vaccine clinic last week. 120 kids signed up but only 49 kids got vaccinated. Believe that many students have obtained vaccines off campus.
- Central will have the Tiger Academy this year

Committee Reports

Student Council – Anna Yates

- Committee outreach painted mural on senior parking lot
- Student outreach will be more of a year round program for Tiger Academy students starting this summer and next year
- Senior class is grateful for homecoming event
- Election for student council leadership will be in the fall

- Very thankful for the PTSA

Staff Appreciation - Sarah cook

- Tuesday May 25th will have a luncheon for the teachers by Eat My Catfish – Need 6 to 7 volunteers to glove up and serve the food between 10:15 – 1:00. The teachers have really appreciated it!

AR PTA/ VIPs Award Winners-Stella Cameron

- 3 Arkansas State PTA Awards:
 - Outstanding PTA Unit
 - The Safety Award
 - The Communication Award – thanks so much to Sheryl McKelvey and Corie Hollingsworth for their work on the eblast and social media!
- Elizabeth Eckford will be awarded a lifetime National PTA Membership from our PTSA
- VIPs awards announced this evening

Central High Tiger Foundation - Tonya Hooks

- March 31st the Tiger Foundation met for the first time this year in person but did offer a virtual option
- Principal Rousseau provided dinner
- The following officers were announced:
 - John King, Chairman
 - Byron Freeland, President
 - Ben Lincoln, Treasurer
 - Tonya Hooks, Secretary
- The Foundation was introduced to the new football coach and the new girl's basketball coach, the volleyball coach and the wrestling coach.
- On September 25th, the Foundation will celebrate the anniversary of the integration of Little Rock Central and that will also be their Annual Day of Giving Tuesday

New Business – Jennifer Ronnel

- Jennifer announced the proposed slate of 2021-2022 officers:
 - President: Jenny Bradford
 - President Elect: Latriana Robertson
 - Treasurer: Megan Eves
 - Recording Secretary: Danyelle Walker
 - Corresponding Secretary: E.W. Swan
- Kim O'Guinn moved that the slate be approved and Deonne Jackson seconded. By vote, the slate was approved

Jenny Bradford introduced herself as Incoming President

- Jenny sent out an email yesterday to committee chairs to check status on continuing to serve in those positions

Next PTSA meeting is May 18th

Jennifer Ronnel thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 pm